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By: **Senators Pinsky, Britt, Conway, Frosh, Green, Grosfeld, and Harris**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Contribution Reports - Contributor Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that reports by a candidate or a political committee  
4 contain certain information about the contributors to the candidate or a political  
5 committee; providing that a candidate, chairman, or treasurer is deemed to be in  
6 compliance with the requirement if certain actions are taken; and generally  
7 relating to the inclusion in certain campaign contribution reports of certain  
8 information regarding contributors.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Election Law  
11 Section 13-325  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-325.

18 (A) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL  
19 INCLUDE THE IDENTITY OF THE CONTRIBUTOR BY FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS,  
20 AND, IF ANY, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER, IF:

21 (1) THE CONTRIBUTION IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251 OR MORE; OR

22 (2) THE CONTRIBUTOR HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CANDIDATE OR  
23 COMMITTEE, DURING THE 4-YEAR ELECTION CYCLE IN WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION  
24 IS MADE, A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$251 OR MORE.

25 (B) (1) A CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
26 THIS SECTION IF THE CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER SHOWS THAT BEST  
27 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND SUBMIT THE INFORMATION  
28 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

1           (2)     THE CANDIDATE, CHAIRMAN, OR TREASURER SHALL BE DEEMED TO  
2 HAVE EXERCISED BEST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN, MAINTAIN, AND SUBMIT THE  
3 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IF:

4                   (I)     1.     EACH INITIAL WRITTEN SOLICITATION FOR  
5 CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDES A CLEAR REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN  
6 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; OR

7                           2.     A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST IS MADE WHEN NECESSARY TO  
8 OBTAIN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION; AND

9                   (II)    THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS TIMELY REPORTED,  
10 INCLUDING AN AMENDED REPORT TO DISCLOSE ANY REQUIRED INFORMATION  
11 OBTAINED BY A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST AND ANY OTHER PREVIOUSLY UNDISCLOSED  
12 REQUIRED INFORMATION.

13     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2003.